

MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
November 9, 2012

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on November 9, 2012 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 50 Service Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: William Finelli; Michael Boyce; Susan Knorr Rodriguez; and Mark Dingley.

Also in attendance were: Michael Robinson, General Counsel; Melissa Malone and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

CALL TO ORDER

Recognizing a quorum, Chairperson William Finelli called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

A draft of the October 5, 2012 meeting minutes were mailed to the Committee members for review, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Dingley, it was:

VOTED To approve the meeting minutes of October 5, 2012.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was:

VOTED To deliberate upon the applications out of sequence.

The following applications were then presented for consideration:

RECONSIDERATION HEARING

Eugene Bedard A state cook at URI. (Estimated service credits 1 year, 5 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Dingley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a determination on Mr. Bedard's application for an accidental disability retirement.

MATTER PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

Thomas McKenna

A municipal firefighter lieutenant with the Barrington Fire Department. (Estimated service credits 28 years, 2 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an accidental disability retirement. Mr. Beardsley voted Nay.

RECONSIDERATION HEARING

Joseph Theroux

A municipal fire lieutenant with the Woonsocket Fire Department. (Estimated service credits 24 years, 15 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a determination on Mr. Theroux's application for an accidental disability retirement.

MATTERS PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

Philip DeBeaulieu

A state electrical inspector with the Rhode Island DOT. (Estimated service credits 7 years, 2 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a determination on Mr. DeBeaulieu's application for an accidental disability retirement.

Stephen Limoges, Sr.

A state evaluation specialist with the State Supreme Court. (Estimated service credits 15 years, 2 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Dingley:

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an accidental disability retirement pursuant to Rhode Island General Law § 36-10-15 (b) for 50 % of his compensation at the time of his retirement.

ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY

Denise Valenti

A state social caseworker II with the Department of Children Youth and Families. (Estimated service credits 21 years, 2 months, 11 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** the application for an accidental disability retirement.

Scott Costigan

A municipal equipment operator with the Town of North Kingstown. (Estimated service credits 21 years, 2 months, 6 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an accidental disability retirement.

Madeline Viveiros

A state community living aide with the Department of Behavioral Health. (Estimated service credits 4 years, 11 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** the application for an accidental disability retirement.

ORDINARY DISABILITY

Tracy Griffith

A municipal senior clerk typist with the Newport City Hall. (Estimated service credits 23 years, 3 months, 15 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

Brian Ferguson

A state senior maintenance technician with the Rhode Island College. (Estimated service credits 19 years, 9 months, 5 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Dingley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

Denise Walker A teacher with the Warwick Public School Department.
(Estimated service credits 21 years, 11 months,)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

Carl Mueller A teacher with the Burrillville School Department. (Estimated service credits 23 years, 3 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

NEW BUSINESS/DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Beardsley it was unanimously:

VOTED To adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa A. Malone
MAM:gsb

November 30, 2012